# Chamicuro language

**Chamicuro** is a dormant (documented but not used by any native speakers) South American language formerly spoken in Peru. [3]. The language was used by the Chamicuro people who number around one hundred people. The Chamicuros live on a tributary of the Huallaga river, in Peru, in an area called Pampa Hermosa, meaning beautiful plains.

As with all native languages in Peru, Chamicuro was by default an official language in the area in which it is spoken. A Chamicuro dictionary has been created, however no children can speak the language as they have shifted to Spanish.

There is controversy in regard to whether <u>Aguano</u> is the same language, which one study (Ruhlen 1987) says it is, but the Chamicuros disputed this (Wise, 1987), although this may be for cultural reasons and the languages may actually be intelligible, but the different people do not relate to one another and maintain different names and connotations between their language or languages.

Chamicuro					
Native to	Peru				
Native speakers	none (2019) <sup>[1]</sup>				
Language family	Arawakan				
	<ul><li>Southern</li></ul>				
	Western ?				
	<ul><li>Chamicuro</li></ul>				
Language codes					
ISO 639-3	ccc				
Glottolog	cham1318 (htt				
	p://glottolog.o				
	rg/resource/lan				
	guoid/id/cham13 18) <sup>[2]</sup>				

## **Phonology**

Chamicuro has 5 vowels: /a, e, i, o, u/. All vowels have both short and long forms. [4]

#### Consonants

	Bilabial	Alveolar	Palato-alveolar	Retroflex	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Stop	р	t				k	?
Affricate		ts	tĴ	t۶			
Fricative		S	ſ	Ş			h
Nasal	m	n			'n		
Lateral		I			λ		
Semivowel					j	W	
Flap		٢					

### See also

Language death

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